

Wanted—Dynamite Explosions.  
"Save Prussians for Me."  
Concerning "Reprisals"  
And Railroad Management.

In blue trousers and low neck shirt, a young sailor was crossing the slippery floor of the railroad station. Dodging to avoid collision with a lady, he slipped and fell heavily. Asked if he were injured, he replied, "No, you can't hurt me, but this is a slippery floor," and hurried on.

A good many men of that disposition are at large in the United States. And their calm conviction expressed in the words, "You can't hurt me," is going to do considerable harm to the gentle German Kaiser before he finishes with his present expedition.

Someday asks, concerning this war, "Are we to make reprisals?" This question the English have been asking themselves, meanwhile patiently enduring bombardment by German flying machines.

In this humane country there will be no talk of "making reprisals."

The problem is an extremely simple one, TO KILL AS MANY PRUSSIAN AS POSSIBLE AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

Every Prussian, following the Emperor, indulging his murder expedition, is an enemy, a wild animal, a thing that should be killed if he can be killed in fair war.

What is wanted is fifty thousand machines dropping dynamite on the Prussian vermin, night and day.

Wolves and other savage creatures vanish when they hear often enough the report of a rifle.

About ten thousand dynamite explosions per hour inside of Prussia, or as near Prussia as possible on German soil, would do the work that needs to be done—for that reason the best news in long time is the announcement that the liberty air motor is a great success.

May it soon be flying, carrying the only kind of argument that Prussia understands—DYNAMITE.

"Five submarines sunk in one day" means that this country will have time to get over there with men and supplies that ships will be able to travel. The United States, a good deal bigger than Germany, not quite as incompetent or quite as timid as Germany imagines, will have a chance to get really into the game. For which eternal justice be praised.

German Socialists are indignant that the Kaiser won't make peace with their brothers, the Russian Bolsheviks. The Kaiser is too wise to make peace with a cloud of smoke.

Venizelos requests substantial loan for Greece.

Life forms on the left. There is no doubt that after the war we shall be a CREDITOR nation, if that is any comfort.

A big New York meeting is carefully arranged to make women think that THEIR party is the Republican party. Roosevelt kindly tells women of New York how they must vote. Having told them how many babies they must have, he will now give them politically.

And not so long ago he thought the man who talked woman suffrage was a "long-haired milkop."

What were the New York Democrats doing when they allowed the Colonel to "pull off this stunt?" Considering that President Wilson did as much as forty Roosevelts to carry New York for woman suffrage, this Republican appropriation of woman suffrage is amusing.

In answer to Lloyd George's question, England is told that there will be a million American soldiers in Europe by next July. Too bad they can't all go NOW. Many an ambitious young American when he reads of the recent victories will cry out, "Hey, save a few Prussians for us!"

Of all sad words of tongue or pen, about the saddest would be these, as you arrived in Europe: "The war is over."

And bear in mind, that what is needed to end the war is a few first-class Prussian defeats. In all the history of the prize ring, there has never been a Prussian fighter that would come back after being knocked down once or twice. Take the imperial German cripple and his half idiot son, rub their noses in the dust two or three times, and they will be willing to go to work washing dishes—the job for which they were born. Blatantly was quite right when he said "the Prussians are a nation of house servants."

The railroads have become so accustomed to incompetency that they consider it quite natural. Would it be possible, perhaps, to take somebody OUTSIDE of the railroad business and let him help solve the transportation problem? We could suggest a department store manager that would keep the empty cars loaded.

The suggestion that Elihu Root be made head of the great alliance of twelve republics seems touchingly appropriate—in view of that corporation gentleman's remarkable success in restoring harmony and "firm, aggressive action" in Russia.

WEATHER:  
FAIR  
MONDAY;  
CONTINUED  
COLD.

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## Freezing Weather Leads the Government To Take Over Problem of Fuel For the Capital

# WASHINGTON TO HAVE PLENTY OF COAL AT ONCE

GERMAN STAFF TRYING TO WRITE A REPORT SHOWING THAT THE BRITISH VICTORY IS UNIMPORTANT.

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Did You Ever Try to Write An Explanation of a Failure? Hard Thing To Be Convincing.

## MILWAUKEE ANARCHISTS MADE BOMB THAT KILLED EIGHT

### GERMANS' PEACE OFFER IS BASED ON ARMY WITHDRAWAL

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Germany has made a definite offer of peace to Russia, predating her terms upon the withdrawal of the Russian armies from a distance of sixty miles from their present lines, according to apparently authentic reports received here from Copenhagen and Petrograd.

According to the semi-official news agency the mayor of Petrograd has announced that the Germans have specified that peace negotiations can be carried on only with the constitutional government, and have declined to receive the parliamentary representatives sent by order of the Maximalist commissaries.

**Terms of the Offer.**

The reported peace terms include an independent Poland under Teutonic "protection," an indemnity for Austria, Bulgaria to get Debrujia, and to control the mouth of the Danube for "commercial purposes," and Turkey to regain all territory overrun by Russians, and to be accorded trade routes in Persia and the Caucasus previously held by the Russians.

Another Petrograd dispatch states that the Caucasus has declared its separation from Russia and formed a parliament.

**Look For Break Soon.**

Military observers here say the break must come soon. The situation on the western and northwestern fronts cannot continue much longer. The troops at the front are weary and exhausted and are insisting on being relieved by the reserves, who are demoralized by idleness and the propaganda of the revolutionists and the Germans.

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### EXPLODED IN HANDS OF OFFICER WHO WAS TESTING IT

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 25.—A powerful anarchist bomb of strange design wrecked central police station last night, mangle every officer on the floor and wounding prisoners on the second floor. Eight persons were killed and two injured.

The bomb was intended for the Evangelical Association Church, paid for by the Rev. August Wuland, who several months ago caused the arrest of anarchist leaders. Since then the Rev. Wuland has been threatened several times and was in seclusion at Madison several weeks.

An Italian boy found the bomb in the church in the afternoon and turned it over to the police.

Police believe it was set to explode at about the time church services were to open. It exploded at central station square room at 7:37 o'clock while Detective Stephen Stecker was examining it.

**Station a Shambles.**

The dead and injured were scattered all over the square room.

Details of firemen were dispatched through the building. On the second story, just over the square room, where the police operatives work, the body of Edward Spindler was found. He was killed by his post by a metal missile that came through from the floor below.

Seated at either side of him were Arthur Van Peterson and Otto Gerlach. Neither was injured beyond the shock of the explosion.

Lieutenant Flood, in his office just across the hall, was thrown from his chair and stunned, but he was at work in the squad room death house before other requesters arrived.

**Went to Report Robbery.**

The woman killed was Catherine Walker. She had gone to the police station to report a robbery and was standing in the hall waiting to get

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### TRIAL OF MEANS WILL BE RESUMED EARLY TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Armed with evidence which he believes will be of great assistance to the State of North Carolina in the prosecution of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, near Concord, N. C., on the evening of August 29, Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooley and a corps of New York officials left yesterday for the Southern city.

Means, who was arrested in Concord on September 25, on a warrant signed by State Solicitor Hayden Clement, of the Fifteenth Judicial District, and who was subsequently bound over to and indicted by the grand jury of Cabarrus county, N. C., will be placed on trial tomorrow, the governor of the State having ordered a special term of court for the action.

The prosecution of the case will be conducted by State Solicitor Clement and Judge James S. Manning, attorney general of North Carolina, with Mr. Dooley remaining in the background and assisting in an advisory capacity only. Against this trio will be arrayed a legal team of four, headed by former Judge Frank I. Osborne, brother of James W. Osborne, former assistant district attorney of New York city.

This case, which attracted country-wide attention when it was first reported in the newspapers on September 6, a week after Mrs. King had been mysteriously shot to death beside Black-welder Spring, four miles from Concord, promises to provide many sensations before the guilt or innocence of Gaston B. Means is established.

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## MINISTER ACQUITTED OF VILLISCA AXE CRIMES

RED OAK, Iowa, Nov. 25.—The Rev. Lynn George J. Kelley was acquitted of the Villisca axe crimes by a jury after four hours' deliberation here last night.

## DEATHS FROM LOCKJAW START INQUIRY INTO VACCINES USED FOR INOCULATING MEMBERS OF THE U. S. NATIONAL ARMY

## WASHINGTON FIRM CALLS BACK POINTS SUSPECTED

### National Vaccine Company Aids Department of Justice and Public Health Service in Attempt to Trace Plot.

An attempt to create an epidemic of tetanus in the National Army has been frustrated by Government chemists, Department of Justice operatives, and the National Vaccine Company of Washington. It was learned today.

Vaccine points, coated with tetanus germs, were the instruments used in the poison plot.

Of 200,000 points sent out by one firm, approximately 200,000 went to the War Department for use in vaccinating men in the National Army. To date no deaths have been reported, although a large quantity of the points were used.

Ten deaths from tetanus already have resulted among civilians which may be traced almost directly to the use of poisoned vaccine points.

The Department of Justice has been conducting an investigation.

**Nation-wide Plot.**

The poison plot, while aimed directly at the national army, it is believed, was nationwide in scope. Although only one firm has confirmed its suspicions that its points have been tampered with, other manufacturers have been warned, and an investigation is being made to determine whether the plotters have attempted to poison their output.

When the National Vaccine Company, of 1613 U street northwest, found that death from tetanus had occurred after the use of those points, the firm immediately sent a warning broadcast over the country to stop use of the points shipped and take measures to treat all individuals for tetanus who had been vaccinated with them.

About 100,000 unused points were returned to the company. The others had been used. Of the 200,000 sent to the national army nearly all have been used.

Who are the Kaiser's agents in this affair, where they are or were located, and to what extent their deadly plans had developed is not disclosed. The investigation is being carried on in many cities, it is said.

To Dwight T. Scott, president of the National Vaccine Company, one of the most reputable firms manufacturing vaccines in the United States, and largely patronized by the Government, seems to go the credit in crushing the plot.

He declared to The Times today that his firm for some time prior to the investigation had been receiving large quantities of material from an outside point, the location of which he would not divulge.

When suspicions were aroused the firm's head recalled every point sent out which had not been used. Meanwhile the Department of Justice and the United States Public Health Service were called in.

Prior to this, however, the Health Service, by direction of Surg. Gen. Rupert Blue, had started analytical work on its own behalf, as is always the case with issue of vaccine points. So far, General Blue said today, nothing definite has been established.

**Ten Separated Cases.**

Out of the issue of 500,000 points, Dr. Scott told The Times, there were reported ten cases of tetanus before recall. They were widely separated, there being one or two in Memphis, Tenn., he said, from memory, two in Cincinnati, and others in Florida and Michigan. In several of these cases the attacks of the malady, usually characterized by muscular spasms and cardiac exhaustion, were not strongly positive, and it was doubted that the serum employed contained the active agent of infection.

No cases of tetanus have been directly traced to this special lot of vaccine points," said General Blue today. "Our analyses so far have shown no extraneous organism in the preparation, though the issue may have been contaminated."

General Blue explained that many cases of tetanus have been thought

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## Billy Sunday's Message to Washington.

"I expect as much from Washington as the world expects from America."  
"We'll take orders from Woodrow Wilson but never from Kaiser Bill."  
"You are prouder of the man under a gun barrel than the one under the whiskey barrel."  
"I expect the Washington revival to be the best I have ever seen."

Here is Billy Sunday's opening gun. Through The Times the great evangelist, soon to open a campaign here against sin, sounds a call for the help of every man, woman, and child in the Nation's Capital.

To the People of Washington:  
In the coming campaign in Washington—a concerted drive by the forces of righteousness against the legions of Sin—I expect just as much from Washington as the world expected from America when she joined hands with the allies to lick to a frazzle that sauerkraut bunch.

I expect every man, woman, and child in Washington with a spark of decency in their make-up to hope and work and fight for the success of a movement which has for its aim only to show men the way to heaven and to make it easier for them to do right and harder to do wrong. And I expect every Christian in Washington to pray as he has never prayed before that the Holy Spirit may visit Washington in persuasive and overwhelming power and that his own individual heart may be cleansed from the things that keep him from being a better Christian and a greater power for God than he is.

Every day that passes I have greater confidence in the President and am more positively convinced that the position we have taken in the world war is the righteous one. I am certain that had we not entered the conflict the principles of truth and sobriety and love and freedom we stand for would have been swept away like autumn leaves before the November blast. But, thank God, our Capital will remain at Washington and never be shifted to Berlin. We'll take orders from Woodrow Wilson, but never from Kaiser Bill.

I expect the campaign in Washington to help drunkards to be sober, to make thieves to steal no more, to make blasphemers quit their cussing, to make selfishness give place to unselfishness, to humble pride, and to help folks get acquainted with and like their neighbors.

How can there be the slightest question about the value of prohibition in the District? Would any man say a city is better drunk than sober? From an economic standpoint, to say nothing of the moral, the saloon is a liability. You are far prouder of the man with a gun barrel over his shoulder than of the man marching along underneath a whiskey barrel.

I always expect the next revival will be the greatest I have ever seen. I expect Washington will. I'll work to the best of my ability as long as the Lord gives me strength, and if the Christian people of Washington will work and pray to that end the city will be blessed mightily of the Lord. And because the nerves and arteries run out of Washington to the furthestmost corners of the nation the whole country will be blessed by what the Capital takes to itself. The many that turn to righteousness in Washington will be only examples for the hosts all over the country who, willing to accept the standard set by the heart of the nation, will follow into the Kingdom of God.

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## EXODUS OF THIRSTY TO WET BALTIMORE SMASHES RECORDS

"On to Baltimore!" is the battle-cry of Washington's Thirst Brigade, led by Gen. Sir John Barleycorn, since the strategic retreat began November 1 before "Field Marshal" Sheppard's quelling blow.

In large numbers the "wet" forces armed with subcases, market baskets, satchels, and just plain bundles, began leaving Washington on the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis railway at daybreak yesterday, the overflow crowds going over the Baltimore and Ohio line and by auto through the Baltimore pike. The throngs reached the greatest numbers at 2 o'clock and 6:30—the time when hundreds of workmen had finished their labors for the week.

**2,400 Tickets Sold.**

Twenty-four hundred round-trip tickets to Baltimore were sold before 6 o'clock last night at the station at Fourteenth street and New York avenue. The ticket agent said that the road's traffic between Baltimore and Washington had just doubled since

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## GERMANS OPENED U-BOAT'S VALVES WHEN CAPTURED

Additional details of the sinking of a German submarine by an American destroyer with the capture of five officers and about thirty-five men have been reported by the Navy Department by Vice Admiral Sims.

The submarine itself was all but captured, the Germans sinking it by opening up the valves after the officers and crew had swarmed to the deck of the U-boat with cries of surrender.

One German member of the crew was killed and another sustained wounds from which he died after being taken aboard one of the destroyers.

Officials would not say what disposition will be made of the prisoners. It is not known whether they will be held in a prison camp on the other side or brought to the United States for detention.

The Navy Department in an official statement made no reference to the prisoners taken. Secretary Daniels said an agreement had been made for the simultaneous publication

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## SPECIAL OFFICIAL WILL KEEP D.C. WARM

### New Division to Keep Capital in Coal Will Be Organized in Department of Fuel Administration.

Coal famine in Washington is to be brought to an immediate end. Householders, public utilities, the Government, and all other coal users in Washington are to get all the coal they need.

A surplus sufficient for from two weeks to a month above daily requirements is to be accumulated here and kept up.

Full assurance to every Washingtonian that there need be no further worry over the coal problem was given by Commissioner L. A. Sneed, of the United States Fuel Administration, today.

**Prompt Remedy of Shortage.**

"There will be no further famine, or even shortage, in the Nation's Capital," Mr. Sneed declared. "And," he added, "the present one will be remedied immediately."

Mr. Sneed, who is in charge of fuel distribution for the entire United States, is to give the Washington problem his personal attention.

The Fuel Administration will not stand for the psychological effect of the printing of stories in Berlin that there is a coal famine in Washington. Handling all questions of coal supply for the entire United States, Mr. Sneed has not had opportunity to give the Washington situation his personal attention. He has cared particularly for the Government supply and for the war industries.

Steps have already been taken by him to remedy the Washington shortage. Shipment of a thirty-day stock of coal for the Potomac Electric Power Company was ordered yesterday.

**Special Division for D. C.**

Tomorrow Mr. Sneed will organize a new division in his office. A man will be placed at the head of it, charged with the sole duty of keeping up Washington's coal supply. He will get all of the coal needed for this city and every resident will be kept warm if it is necessary to commandeer the coal and issue a priority order to get immediate shipment to Washington.

Two men are being considered for this appointment. Announcement of the selection will be made tomorrow. The appointee is to make an immediate investigation of stock of coal on ships here, West anthracite and bituminous. Requirements of every coal user will be ascertained, and the necessary supply will be brought in. It will follow shipments to keep them moving. In short, it will "get the coal and keep it coming."

**700 Cops On Way.**

Sufficient coal to meet the city's needs has been ordered to Washington before, but it has never been checked up or followed up. More than 700 cars of coal are now on their way to this city, held up by embargo and railroad congestion. It will be the duty of the new office to check these movements each day and to keep the coal coming. Every power of the Government to secure prompt action will be at its disposal. Through the fact of no one in particular trace has been lost of past shipments.

The new office under direction of Mr. Sneed will see that enough coal is shipped to Washington. It will require the railroads to report receipts of coal and the dealer getting it. Once on the rails, it will follow shipments to keep them moving. In short, it will "get the coal and keep it coming."

The director of this work will cooperate with John W. Weaver, Federal Fuel Administrator, for the District in problems of distribution in Washington to see that justice is done all consumers.

There is no shortage in Government requirements here. The Navy Yard has a four-month supply. The department and other buildings, and the Capitol power plant all have sufficient coal to keep them going even if there was an unexpected interruption of rail traffic.